(c) The Planning Commission estimates poverty from the large sample survey of household consumer expenditure data of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), which are available once in approximately five years. On the basis of provisional consumer expenditure data of 61st Round of the National Sample Survey (NSS), as reported in the draft Approach to the Eleventh Plan, the poverty ratio in 2004-05 is estimated as 27.8 per cent using Uniform Recall Period (URP, in which the consumer expenditure data for all the itmes are collected from 30 day recall period) and about 22 per cent using Mixed Recall Period (MRP, in which the consumer expenditure data for five non-food items, namely, clothing, footwear, durable goods, education and institutional medical expenses are collected from 365-day recall period and the consumption data for the remaining items are collected from 30 day recall period). The poverty estimates in 2004-05 based on URP consumption (27.8 per cent) is comparable with the poverty estimates of 1993-94, which was 36 per cent. The poverty estimates in 2004-05 based on MRP consumption (22 per cent) is roughly (but not strictly) comparable with the poverty estimates of 1999-2000, which is 26.1 per cent.

Keonjhar bypass in Orissa

956. MS. PRAMILABOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased be state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct Rs. 128 crore Keonjhar bypass in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent it would decongest the existing volume of traffic; and

(d) the time-frame within which this project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Keonjhar bypass is a part of four laning of Pannikoili - Keonjhar - Rimuli section

of National Highway 215 in Orissa included under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase III A on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The tentative cost of Keonjhar bypass is Rs. 128 crore.

(b) and (c) The temative length of Keonjhar bypass is 14.365 km. The detailed survey for finalization of alignment is in progress by the Consultant.

(d) The project is likely to be completed by December, 2009.

Proposals for declaring roads as NHs in Rajasthan

†957. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR.PRABHATHAKUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals with regard to declaring 17 important roads of Rajasthan as National Highways are pending with Government;

(b) if so, by when these 17 important roads, proposed by Government of Rajasthan would be notified as National Highways; and

(c) the details of action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposal for declaring 17 roads of Rajasthan as National Highways. At present, emphasis is given for development of existing National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Construction under NHDP-II

†958. DR.MURUMANOHARJOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi